

REMARKS

Claims 6 - 7, 8, 10 - 14, 17 - 19, and 26 - 28 are pending. Claims 4 - 5, 15 - 16, 24 - 25, and 30 - 31 have been cancelled. Reexamination and reconsideration of this application are respectfully requested.

In the July 28, 2005 Restriction Requirement, the Examiner required election of either Group I claims (i.e., claims 4 - 5, 15 - 16, 24 - 25, and 30 - 31, drawn to a method for a distributing agent classified in class 709, subclass 202), or Group II claims (i.e., claims 6 - 7, 8, 10 - 14, 17 - 19, and 26 - 28, drawn to a method for monitoring network health classified in class 709, subclass 223).

The applicants elect the Group II claims, (i.e., claims 6 - 7, 8, 10 - 14, 17 - 19, and 26 - 28), for continued prosecution. Claims 4 - 5, 15 - 16, 24 - 25, and 30 - 31 are cancelled without prejudice.

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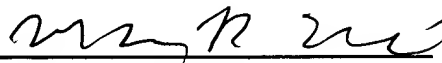
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An action on the merits is respectfully requested

Respectfully submitted,

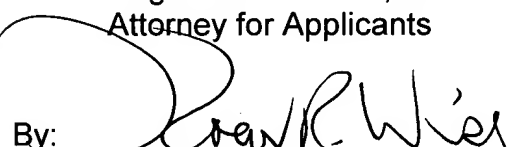
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